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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyborn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Re: GN Docket No. 09-191.

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As an organization, we have long supported equal opportunity for access and competitive choices as essential toward guaranteeing this country's promise for all people. In that vein, an open Internet and the competition it has spurred has been vital in facilitating commerce, providing for easier communication, and generally improving our daily lives.

Therefore, we are gravely concerned that the FCC is considering instituting a misguided policy of "net neutrality" within the National Broadband Plan that could stifle competition, hinder further deployment, and dramatically impact its continued success.

The Internet has been a tremendous resource under the current framework and regulatory environment because providers and content creators have been rewarded for their innovations. It's crucial to note that the Internet doesn't simply run itself; it has required tremendous investment, careful oversight and continued management. While this is obvious to the Commission, delivering the high-quality service that Internet consumers expect at an affordable price has taken decades of hard work and billions of dollars in development.

To adopt such a policy now would only penalize those who have made the biggest investment in their networks, while at the same time effectively subsidizing the heaviest users of this valuable resource.

Such a regulatory overreach also has further consequences the Commission must consider -- will there be salary neutrality enforced on carriers? Economic development or jobs neutrality? Will search engines and web developers be forced to be neutral in their content and services? To become so involved in a singular function of the carriers' business, the FCC must be able to define why content delivery is separate from all other facets of the Internet business.

Allowing carriers to determine rates based on the exponential demand placed on their networks is the only way to allow for equitable distribution and access, and to further the goal of achieving affordable high-speed Internet for every American. This should be the FCC's focus when it finalizes its plan.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Clemons', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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